

**Minutes of the Ilchester Parish Council meeting held on Thursday April 12th 2018
at the Town Hall, Ilchester at 7.30pm.**

Present: Mrs. H. Panter, Chairman, Mr. J. Edmondson, Mr. S. Marsh, Mr. A. MacGregor, Mr. S. McAllister, Mr. G. Pope, Mr. C. Williams, Mr. H. Williams, Mr. N. Bloomfield, County Councillor, Mr. A. Capozzoli, District Councillor, PC. Stefan Edwards & PCSO John Winfield, Mrs. F. Goodliffe, IDCA, Rev. B. Faulkner and Mr. P. Horsington, Clerk. Four members of the public attended.

216. Apologies

Apologies were received from Miss J. Stapleton,.

217. The Minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated, were signed as correct, with it being noted that quotations for works at St. Andrew's Church, Northover had actually been provided by Mr. A. MacGregor.

218. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

The Council noted the dates provided for training on new General Data Protection Act, being provided by SSDC. It was agreed that Mr. Edmondson & Mr. Marsh are each to attend one session, as will the Clerk attend a session being held for Clerks. It was noted that SSDC are charging for these sessions.

219. Open Session, RNAS, County & District Councillors' reports.

Mrs. Stockwell again highlighted the issue of vehicles using Pillbridge Lane, without regard for pedestrians, strongly suggesting that there needs to be a sign advising Safety. Mr. Edmondson offered to draft a suitable sign, and this was accepted to be presented to the next meeting for comment / approval.

Mr. G. Hill reported that there is to be a Flood bank survey and a review of the issue of uplift in levels at Penmill is being carried out.

The Council noted that Mr. G. Hill is in contact with the Environment Agency concerning logs in the river Yeo by the Town bridge.

The Council noted that there was no update on the proposal from SSDC to have a Charging point at the Limington road car park for Electric vehicles. It was noted that the Council's response had been sent by the Clerk.

Mr. Bloomfield, County Councillor reported that the County Council has been awarded £4 million from Central Government towards repairs of potholes.

Mr. Bloomfield stated that he had attended a meeting concerning Gypsy liaison, which did not go well.

Mr. Bloomfield reported that the issue reference the condition of the footpath at the end of Almshouse Lane is still under discussion with SCC Highways.

The Council noted that the Boundary proposals reference changes to the SSDC wards are still ongoing. The Council's comments have been acknowledged.

Mr. Capozzoli highlighted the issue of flytipping, as a report indicated that Ilchester had a high rate of incidents. After discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Capozzoli will seek advice from SSDC StreetScene and report back to the Council. Dog fouling is also an issue.

220. Police & Community issues - Ilchester Town Trust, IDCA, IRINEC & Church Matters

Mrs. Panter welcomed PC. Stefan Edwards & PCSO John Winfield to the meeting.

PCSO Winfield informed the meeting that he has visited the Schools.

Mrs. Panter stated that speeding at the Schools' area was still happening despite the calming works done by County Highways. PCSO Winfield stated that the Police were not aware of this.

Mrs. Panter stated that SCC Highways are to put new 20 MPH signs by the Schools, these to make it more obvious that there is a 20 MPH limit.

PC Edwards stated that the recent thefts in Ilchester were part of an ongoing investigation.

Mrs. Goodliffe stated that she had counted 45 HGVs using Church Street, many at night. It was explained that evidence of time & dates and registration numbers would assist to catch these offenders.

Mr. Bloomfield stated that photo evidence of these vehicles is admissible as evidence.

Mrs. Panter thanked the Officers for attending the meeting.

Mrs. Panter informed the Council she will arrange a date for the Council to visit the Roman Cemetery, once the Chairman of the Town Trust had been appointed.

Mr. H. Williams reported that the Monument issue is still ongoing.

The Council were informed that there had been an 'Open evening' at the Museum and an event 'Village in View', which had been not well supported by residents.

There were no issues reported from IRINEC.

Mrs. Goodliffe, Chair of IDCA informed the meeting that the Annual meeting will be held on May 1st and there will a Street Fair on June 23rd.

Mrs. Goodliffe stated that IDCA had donated £250 towards the Centenary projects.

Mrs. Goodliffe asked the Council to consider a contribution towards the cost of the road closure for the Street Fair. It was agreed to consider this request this under financial matters.

221. Youth Parish Councils

In the absence of Miss Stapleton, no issues were reported from the Youth Parish Councils.

222. Planning matters

The Council noted that the application 17/01215/FUL for Mr. M. Knight at New Spittles Farm for the construction of an aerobic digestion plant to include associated equipment and on-site infrastructure for the purpose of generating renewable energy from grass silage and straw and upgrading and improvement of the existing access farm track had been granted at the meeting of SSDC Area East Committee meeting.

The Council noted that application 17/01602/CPO at Bearley Farm, Tintinhull for an anaerobic digester with access through New Spittles Farm was still pending.

The Council considered and supported application 18/00289/FUL for Mr. & Mrs. A. Jones for the erection of a new building to provide 2 No. holiday lets with associated parking/access on Land OS 5149 adjacent South Mead Farm - adjacent Parish - granted.

223. Financial matters

The account balances were reported as at 31/03/18 C/A/c £100 & B/R A/c £33,206.30pp

Receipts - Bank interest £1.38p & £707.14p VAT reclaim

Payments made -

12/04/18	2316	£36.40	HMRC paye tax
12/04/18	2317	£288	Play UK Playgrounds Ltd – Mead playarea repair
12/04/18	2318	£215.02	Greenbarnes Ltd – new notice board
12/04/18	2319	£20	Sophie Pack- Stone - skate park area
12/04/18	2320	£750.28	SSDC play inspections
12/04/18	2321	£384	Vision ICT Ltd – website hosting
12/04/18	2322	£30	G. Pope - parts for notice board & travel
12/04/18	2323	£588.89	PTH salary & expenses
12/04/18	2324	£60	A. Piper – cleaning bus shelters

The above cheques were approved and signed.

It was noted that members had received a copy of the annual accounts to March 31st 2018.

The Council discussed the request reference support for the plaques and leaflets and a Book of Remembrance to commemorate the Centenary of the end of WW1, and agreed in principle to grant up to £225 toward these projects. In Ilchester, there are 16 names to commemorate.

The Council considered a request for a contribution to the NineSprings radio station, but after discussion agreed not to make any donation.

The Council discussed the request from IDCA for a contribution towards the cost of the licence for the Street closure, for the Street Fair to be held on June 23rd and agreed to contribute £100.

The Clerk left the meeting whilst the Council reviewed his salary and on his return was informed that the Council had agreed a 5% increase. This equates to a gross salary of £514.50 per month. The Clerk thanked the Council for their decision.

It was agreed to leave the two quotations received from the County Highways Lighting Officers reference the request for further lighting at the end of Almshouse Lane, these being £1,769.20p at the corner of the High Street & £2,913.35p with a pole connected from the supply by Manor Gardens, until the finances reference the purchase of the allotment area have been agreed and in place. It was agreed that there is further confirmation, that there are no objections from adjacent residents.

The Council were shown the plaque for the Mead & agreed that it was well designed. The Clerk reported that the letter of Agreement stating that the plaque has permission and also for any future owners has been signed and returned to the Council. It was agreed that Mr. McAllister will arrange with Mr. & Mrs. T. Goddard, of 56, The Mead, to have the plaque put in place.

The Council noted that notice board for the Great Orchard area has been put in place.

The Council discussed the future mowing / maintenance at St. Andrew's Northover, and after some discussion, it was agreed that Mr. McAllister will liaise with Mr. Graydon CRO & Rev. Faulkner reference a possible Naval task force to tidy up the area, wall repairs & clear paths.

224. Website

Mr. C. Williams reported that there were no issues to report.

225. Cemetery

Mr. C. Williams reported that he will liaise with the Clerk on a better form of fencing and site for the cuttings etc. and report back.

226. Highway matters

It was noted that the white line to be painted by County Highways on the corner of West Street / Pillbridge Lane to improve road safety has now been done.

The Council expressed thanks to Mr. Marsh & Mr. Pope for fitting the finial to the Limington Road signpost, which was unanimously agreed to be a great improvement.

There was nothing reported reference the grille removed by Mr. S. Banks in West Street.

It was noted that there is a damaged sign by roundabout on the A.37 needs to be repaired. It was agreed to contact County Highways.

227. Flooding issues

The Council noted that Mr. G. Hill was in contact with the Environment Agency concerning logs in the river Yeo by the Town bridge and a Flood letter from the SRA reference changes to Flood monitoring areas had been circulated to members.

Mr. Edmondson informed the meeting that there is to be a talk on Flooding issues given by Mr. M. Brown.

228. Allotments

The Council noted that there was nothing to report from Bidwells on behalf of Trinity College, on the offer by the Council to buy the allotments area. An application has been made to SSDC for a part grant to assist the Council, and consideration of a lower purchase price by Trinity College.

Mr. H. Williams, reported that there will be a meeting on April 22nd at the allotments.

Mr. H. Williams proposed that the rents for 2018/19 should be £20 for a full plot and £15 for a half plot. After discussion, these rates were agreed. It was noted that due to the new Data Protection Act, holders will have to be asked for their permission to hold their data, this will be added to the Agreements, when sent out.

229. Mead Play area.

Mrs. Panter reported that Play UK Grounds Ltd have carried out works to the play equipment.

The SSDC inspection reports indicated that there were no major issues to be addressed.

230. Skate Park

The Council agreed that the equipment will have to be painted during 2018.

The SSDC inspection reports indicated that there were one issue reference the Table Tennis table to look at.

231. Rights of Way

There were no issues raised.

232. Tree Matters

An application by Mrs. C. Williams, Limington Road to remove a tree was noted.

233. Correspondence

The Council noted the SSDC newsletter. (circulated).

234. Items for Report, or for the agenda of the next meeting

Mr. H. Williams highlighted the issue of recycling material being blown about. This was noted.

Mrs. Panter reported that there were some problems at the Central Garage, Northover.

Apologies for the Annual Parish meeting were received from Mr. H. Williams.

The date of the next meeting was confirmed for Thursday May 10th 2018 at 7.30pm, with the Annual Parish meeting being held on Thursday April 19th at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all present for attending, and declared the meeting closed at 9.32 pm.

Signed:

Date:

